

SATURDAY, - DEC. 21, 1895

CHRISTMAS AT BLACK MAMMY'S.

T'mor' gwine be Chris'mus, chiliuns,
But I dunno 'bout Sandy Claws.
I speck de ole man's broke dis Chris'mus,
Ain't no wo'k fo' his ole claws.
He bank done bus'; he los' his money;
He wo'kmen quit, dat what dey said.
S'pec he keep away dis Chris'mus—
Mout be dat de ole man's daid.

What's dat, Dinah? Whar yo' git it— Dat big box yo' settin on? Full o' nuts an toys an candy Done brung heah by Masses John? Massa's mighty good dis Chris'mus, Meks my ole h'aht leap wid joy Dat he 'membahs his black mammy Wha' nussed him when he lil' boy.

Huh! Marse John he sen' a possum?
Praise de Lawd fe' dat good meat!
T'mor' snah be Chris'mus, honey—
Dat de day we gwine t' eat.
Cl'ar off t' bed, now, all you chilluns.
Doan' yo' heah me wha' I say?
Time t' heah dem sleighbells ringin,
Time dem reingeers jog dis way.

Gawn t' bed an quit dat talkin;
Dis yere ain' no time fur play.

Ef you chilluns doan' be quiet,
Yo' sca'h ole Sandy Claws away.

Pull dem khivers up aroun yo';
Shet yo' eyes up good an tight.

T'mor' gwine be Chris'mus, chilluns,
An Sandy Claws he cum tonight.

—Chicago Times.

BILLY'S CHRISTMAS.

Zeph Davis didn't agree with the world at all.

He found very few things which met his unqualified approval, and the more persons he found agreed upon a certain point the more certain was he to discover the utter weakness of their position. He was very shrewd and looked at the world from the heights occupied by a superior and complacent being. It amused him to see all the women agreeing on certain lines of house ornamenta tion. It provoked him to find all the men united on theories of improvement, dress and behavior. He particularly resented the universal surrender of the race to the spirit of Christmas.

"It's all hoky poky," said Zeph.

As Christmas approached his wife wondered if he would not break his usual habit and make some conventional preparation. She remembered a very ant gayety in these seasons when a since becoming the wife of Zeph. And her little boy, now 6 years old, added to her uneasizess. He had caught something of the season's inspiration from the children who drifted past his cabin home and from the activities at the great house of the squire when he went up there one day to do an errand for his

reign of Santa Claus. He had no doubt the day held a great and joyful sig-nificance to the squire's children, nor that Santa Claus came down a chimney and gave presents to all the good little boys and girls in the world. Only, of course, his house was not included. The potatoes—quite an unusual thing—and gentle sway of the Christ child could not naturally embrace the little cabin at the edge of the woods. Yet he had an ter dinner than that. Zeph ate with anformed, pathetic little regret that it

that did not trouble his wife much. He was not in the habit of coming home fore they had exhausted their jug of aptill he got ready, not leaving till moved plejack. He had taken one drink himby the same consideration. Only he was self, and it may be that made the differsure to come some time, and always sober. He was quite superior to the nearly universal habit of acquiring a self, and it may be that made the difference. Anyway he was moved to unusual behavior.

The fire was low, and he stirred up

"Town's pretty lively, I reckon," said the side of his sleeping son's head a piti-his wife as Zeph came in and prepared ful little menagerie of bent, brown for supper. He did not remove an overcoat. He wore none. He looked upon that custom as quite as unnecessary as

popular notions usually were.

'Ya-as,' snarled Zeph, grinning in
derision of what he had seen. 'Stores all lighted up, and caudy and things in the winders. "Whut things in the winders, pap?"

inquired the boy, his blue eyes large and bright.

"Oh, toys, and them things!" "What things?" again, but hesitat-

Zeph glanced warningly at the boy and then slowly replied: "Skates and red mittens and some

oden soldiers and drums and pictur'

The boy had never seen the stores, for he had never been in town, but he had in his mind a very vivid picture of the place and its glories. And he looked very straight at his father as that pic-

ture took form before him. "Many people in town?" questioned the wife. She had seen those splendors on Christmas eve, and she had counted

on seeing them again this season. "Ya-as; the stores was crowded and the streets was full of teams. Couldn't git more'n 60 cents for that coonskin and had to take that in trade. Wouldn't pay no more'n 50 cents if I took it in So I traded for some truck and come home. They tried to sell me a lot of plunder, but I don't go none on them

"What plunder, pap?" asked the boy. The resources for trimming his fancy stores were really very slender. He needed more material. Just a hint would do. It seemed so real to him.

"Oh, a tin horse and wagon and a candy bird and a woolly little sheep

that says 'bah !' " "Big sheep, pap, or just a lamb?"
"Naw. About so high." And Zeph

measured a span from the top of the ta-That changed the whole interior of his wonder cave for the boy. These treasures

were smaller than the natural size. If smaller, why could they not be made larger? So his wonderful creations were taking delightful shape. It was quite a picture he found himself arranging when his mother said from the depths of the

dishpan, where she was finishing the supper work: 'You're sound asleep, Billy. Go to

And he hurried into his little cot, hoping he could carry the dream unbroken. How they danced before him, those excellent animals! How gravely the birds addressed him, and how reasonable it seemed that tin soldiers should become live dogs and bark aloud, and how swift it all was, for this was morn-

This was just the same as any other At the first barb of light Zenh fought

morning to zeph. He got up fazily and ed in a flood of sunshine, shiveri a little and complaining that his wif

"Must be Miller's folks, from Bur Oaks," said Zeph's wife, as she closed the door and wondered if her other dress was not better than this one.

to shoutings of cheer and answering

The boy rood there at the window with his chin on the sill, and tried to regain his dream estate, from which the daylight had ejected him. Presently he saw the squire's children coming down the road with a basket, and he went out and stood on the steps in the sunshine. The squire's children were taking a turkey to old Mrs. Stevens, down by the lake. They stopped at the gate, and he went down to look at their presents.

They each had a pair of skates and were to his wife, went down to his wife, we went down to his wife, we went down to his wife, we were down to his well as well going to try them on the lake if the ice was good. But no ice could add to the Chicago Times-Herald. present pleasure of ownership. The with a letter in the corner of it, and a number of candy horses, and one of the girls had a gold finger ring. They had oung their stockings on a line behind the stove, and everything was filled in

making people happy. He remembered a party of children that came down here in a light wagon when hazelnuts were ripe and stopped for a drink of water at the time of the nativity. Yet it is a from the spring, and he found himself sin to look on the cattle while in this those children.

that wondrous embrace, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

His nose was red, and his hands were thrust deep in his pockets when he returned to the house. But he sat on the chest there by the fireplace and won-

dered silently. Zeph was greasing his boots and regretting that he didn't have oil instead of tallow. He rather resented the fact that the house was tidier than usual, that a plate of apples was upon the table, and that his wife was rolling pie crust and cutting cookies-her hair done up as she used to wear it when he went a-wooing. He expressed his disapproval of all this boky poky and asked her what she was going to have for dinner. She said nothing for a time. She wished he had not asked her. There was so little, but she had planned to make it ap-

pear as fair as possible.

Across her silence came the bark of Dash over there in the woods, and the hunter instinct in Zeph was roused. Since no one had asked him to go hunting he felt no disinclination to look for game. So he glanced out of the window, caught sight of the hound sitting there in the timber, looking up for one fact, from the earliest times the giving Residence:

8 mo 8-17 moment and then turning his eyes to the and receiving of gifts and the offerings house, barking occasionally the short, to the poor have been the way in which

there one day to do an errand for his mother.

He was full of questions which his mother could not entirely answer and which he could not suspend when his father was at home. But down through his infant consciousness at last filtered the conviction that he and his household were outside the pale embraced in the quite happy playing with them.

Zeph cut a hazel stick as be came back through the woods, and after the squirrels he had shot had been dressed potatoes—quite an unusual thing—and some baked apples and the wonderful cookies. Billy couldn't imagine a betgreat relish, but by no means forgetting Zeph was in town Christmas eve and staid a little later than usual, though to the sawmill and told stories with the rest of the men, coming home rather be

dual personality by imbibing stimu-lants. It was altogether an unmixed was filled with a flood of light, and as he turned he saw there on the pillow at

> dough and knew that each animal had been perfect in the large blue eyes that had fought so hard to keep unclosed the leavy gates of dreams. Zeph saw the happy face and kney that somewhere his boy was wandering among delights more rare than any his

hand had given. And the spirit of contention, of rivalry, of a race, awaked within him. "Huh!" he said, and wondered why the smoke should burn his eyes to weep ing. Then he turned to the door and

tole out in the moon gemmed night. Down the road he went with a sweep ing step, full of vigor and with rising haste, till the miles lay behind him and he fronted the light's of the town. It was sarly evening, in spite of the hours of darkness, and Christmas joy was full. He turned neither to the right nor the left, paid no attention to the gaudy doors of the saloons, where loud young men

were bonsting, or betting, or trying to quarrel. He kept right on till he reach-ed the shop of the tinker, down by the bridge, and there he stamped the snow

from his heavy boots. The tinker had not expected a customer, and he had been looking at the toys left over from the sales of the season. He had done very well, but he wished now he had not bought so many. The hand on his latch lifted his hopes a little, and his eager face was a strange contrast with the puzzled countenance of Zeph, now for the first time in his life yielding to the weakness of scanning

Christmas presents. "How much for this?" inquired the countryman, touching a camel with his great forefinger. And the tinker was so willing to sell that he quoted a figure

far below his ruling prices.
"Ya-as, and this," continued Zeph. It was a candy castle, with powdered gilt and frosted silver on the sides. There was quite a store of painted woods and ruffled tins and molded candy there at the end of the counter by the time Zeph reached the limit of his purse.

He felt the same stirrings he had known while husking corn, when some boaster tried to beat him in the race. He bought without reflection, with no thought but that of giving Billy a better Christmas

And then he tramped back home There was no hurry in his walking now. He simply strode the miles, unconscio of his splendid muscles, assured of reaching home in time and giving little

care to what the thing might mean.

One house was lighted brilliantly, and through uncurtained windows he saw a Christmas tree. The presents had been stripped away, but tapers burned there, and strings of wool and tiny flags.

ing, and Dash, the hound, was challeng-ing some noises he heard in the woods back home." And then he tried to sneer dress. at the whole affair.

gainst his drowsiness and turned to wait till Billy's eyes should open. It deep snow and knew the hunting would be excellent.

Just after breakfast a sleighload of people passed, their bells jingling with tempting melody and jingling with tempting melody and jingling with the sense of present things came back to him, and then they rested on those glories at his pillow. He did not move, but studied them. seemed a slow, long time. But after tempting melody and jingling still till the horses stopped in front of the squire's farmhouse, when they gave way so strange that Zeph saw things his wisdom had not dreamed. Then Billy's cyes were closed again, and soon the larger breathing told that he was deep in dreamland paths, with richer treas ures on each hand than there had been

He roused at length and saw the toys

"I dreamt of them," he said and wondered why his mother smiled. It was long before he dared to touch them and all through the day his boyish play would be suspended, and he would look at them as if afraid that they would vanish into dreams again-the dreams where he was sure his happy eyes had

"But it's all hoky poky," said Zeph to his wife, as he shouldered his ax and went down to the mill for the day.—

The Kneeling Cattle. Christmas eve in old England was a Funeral Director time of vigils. All were on watch, as were the ancient shepherds, waiting for the appearance of the star. This custom, to some extent, yet prevails in places. One strange belief which obtains in England, and particularly in Devon-Little Billy added another view to his Christmas lore. It was a time for ment Christmas day comes to earth, th cattle fall to their knees, as the legend says was done by the oxen that were

position or to seek to find them so. A custom which yet prevails in some Of course it never occurred to him to take a personal view of the matter. He never imagined himself included in lands is to carry corn cake and hot cider into the orchards and there offer them up to the largest apple tree as a gift to the king of the orchards.—Exchange.

If you want to make a Scotchman's blood tingle, pronounce, if you can, that outlandish word, "Hogmsnay." If one attempt to chase this philological freak through dictionaries and lexicons, the last state of that man is worse than the first. That way madness lies. But Hog-manay to the Scotchman is Christmas and New Year's day rolled into one. It is the "richt guid willie waught" that turns to revelry the last days of the passing year. After Hogmanay, Sandy drops back into his grim, industrious life again.

Yule come an Yule's gane, An we hae feasted weel. Sae Jack maun to his fiail again an Jeannie tae her wheel. -Montreal Star.

Origin of Christmas Gifts. At the time of the Roman saturnalia emphatic statement that he had found a people have expressed thanks and shown squirrel.

their joyfulness. It is the thought and

The shepherds waked at night
And saw the heavens with glory glow
And angels in the light.
Hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing
Hosanna in the height!

New life they told to all on earth, New life and blessing bright, Forewarning of the Saviour's birth In Bethlehem this night. Hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna in the height!

New life to all, new life to all, The tidings good recite.

New life to all, which did befall
At Bethlehem this night.

Hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing
Hosanna in the height! -Old Carch

Rise, Holy Morn! The time draws near, the birth of Christ; The morn is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill

Rise, happy morn; rise, hely morn! Draw forth the cheerful day from night! Ring out the darkness of the land! Ring in the Christ that is to be!
-Tennyson.

> God Bless 'Em. Christmas coming with a rush-Hail the rising star!
> If our pockets are not flush,
> Cheeks of children are.
> —Atlanta Constitution.

The Christmas fires are glowing;
There'll be good times by and by,
When the Christmas bills are owing.
We can all shake hands and—sigh.
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